

Plot Line Diagram

The EXPOSITION introduces the setting (time and place), characters and plot. It may include background information on these elements.

The CONFLICT is the problem or challenge the main character has to face. The conflict may be internal, if the character is struggling with making a decision, or external if struggling against another character, society, or nature.

The RISING ACTION includes the events that lead up to the climax. These events build excitement and interest.

The CLIMAX is the peak of action in the story. It's where the opposing forces of the conflict meet head-on, or an important decision or action is taken.

The FALLING ACTION includes the events that take place after the climax.

The RESOLUTION is how things turn out in the end.

